



History. Tradition. Community.



Nneka Morgan is an investment professional who brings to her clients more than ten years of demonstrated experience with some of the country's most prestigious financial services firms. Morgan currently works at Merrill Lynch. Since joining the firm in 2008, Morgan has developed strategies using varied investment vehicles to assist clients with better managing and enhancing their wealth. Her portfolio includes advisement to institutions, nonprofit organizations, and small to medium size businesses, high-net-worth individuals, and senior executives.

Morgan understands her ability to reach back and pull forward in every step of her journey. She is an active leader within the community and uses her knowledge and influence to advance racial equality. She is an Appointed Commissioner with the St. Paul Port Authority, a Trustee for Hamline University and sits on the board of directors for Regions Hospital and for Capital City Properties.

Morgan uses her knowledge and experience to empower community and promote healthy financial habits. She is the host of *Financial Fitness*, a program on KMOJ-FM radio focused on financial health. On her show, Morgan stresses the importance of financial literacy. She is deeply committed to lending her expertise to community organizations and individuals in need of financial literacy. Each year, Morgan hosts several community forums focused on the importance accumulating wealth and saving. Morgan graduated cum laude from Howard University, with a B.A. in International Business and Finance. Morgan also received additional education in Japanese at Richmond College in Shizuoka, Japan and Middlebury College. In 2007,

she was named one of Ebony Magazine's "30 Young Leaders Under 30". In 2008, Morgan served as a Marshall Memorial Fellow with the German Marshall Fund of the United States. In her spare time, she serves as Financial Literacy Engagement Director for the Center of Communications & Development and performs with the Grammy Award Winning group "Sounds of Blackness." Morgan has quickly emerged as both a well respected and immensely powerful voice for the Twin Cities African American community.

Most Rewarding Work Experience

I've been afforded the opportunity to serve as a commissioner with the St. Paul Port Authority, Trustee for Hamline University, and a member of the Regions Hospital board of directors. In these positions, I use my influence to help some of the state's largest employers address the issues of jobs, education, and healthcare and draw attention to the disparities and needs of the community I love. I wouldn't be where I am today without the support of my community, and I'm committed to ensuring it receives a return on its investment.

Advice for Aspiring Finance Professionals

Remember you're running your own marathon, don't get distracted with anyone else's time but your own. Your path is uniquely carved by you, run it with confidence and try not to get too distracted by bystanders.

Beacons of Leadership

I am inspired by people of purpose that have carved their own path and those who have overcome obstacles along the way. These people of purpose include; Cynthia Johnson, Tene Morgan, Shimeca Saffold, Tetra Constantino, Cindy Kent, Carla Harris and Phyllis Goff. It certainly takes a village, and there is a long list of people that have poured directly into me, but there is an even longer list of those that do it by example. I'm grateful for all the sheroes and heroes that have taken residence in my village.

Hometown

- St. Paul

Education

- Richmond College – Shizuoka Japan, 2001
- Howard University B.A, 2003